

quotes, they were extremely skeptical about the effectiveness of coronavirus vaccines when Donald Trump was in charge.

Of course, when Biden became President, the vaccine suddenly became entirely effective and highly encouraged. But Jen Psaki still maintained in July that mandating these vaccines is “not the Federal Government’s role.”

But now President Biden is forcing millions of Americans to choose between keeping their jobs or getting the vaccine. My office is flooded daily with calls from constituents who risk losing their livelihoods because of this administration’s mandate. Apparently, protecting Americans’ freedoms to make their own healthcare decisions is too much to ask.

So far Joe Biden’s Presidency has been defined by his out-of-touch agenda. A vaccine mandate is not what Americans want and is inconsistent with our national values, Madam Speaker.

Tennesseans value freedom from government tyranny. That is why we elect leaders like Governor Billy Lee and members of the Tennessee General Assembly, who are fighting outrageous vaccine mandates.

Our country prospers when elected leaders protect Americans’ constitutional rights and freedoms. Unfortunately, this is a radical concept to President Joe Biden.

#### EVERYONE DESERVES A FRESH START

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, for millions of Americans, a minor or decades-old criminal record can pose an insurmountable barrier to full employment, housing, and education. All too often, individuals in this situation are unable to get a fresh start because having eligible records sealed or expunged is so burdensome or expensive.

Bureaucratic delays and high legal fees perpetuate the cycle of poverty and make it more difficult for people to transition back into society successfully after being incarcerated.

That is why I was proud to join Representative DAVID TRONE and a bipartisan group of our colleagues from the House and the Senate to introduce legislation last week to help these Americans get the second chances they deserve.

The Fresh Start Act of 2021 provides Federal grants for States with record sealing or expungement procedures to help improve their automated record infrastructure.

As we rebound from a once-in-a-century pandemic and in the name of fairness and equity, we need to eliminate barriers to employment and champion opportunities for our communities to recover and thrive.

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#### MORE UNNECESSARY SPENDING

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my continued concern and opposition to the efforts from the Democrat majority to pass another \$3.5 trillion worth of unnecessary spending.

If you ask any American right now what the biggest challenge they face is, it is inflation. We have inflation today primarily because of the last unnecessary spending that was passed in this House, and that was the \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill that Democrats passed on a partisan basis in this House. That has led to inflation.

We have more inflation than we have had in my adult lifetime. Yet, this body wants to continue to pass more unnecessary spending that will lead to more inflation. Enough is enough. We need to move on from this bill and take care of the business that the American people deserve Congress to address.

#### HONORING MANNY ONTIVEROS

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community leader and a good friend, Manny Ontiveros.

As an Anaheim native and friend, Manny has devoted over 30 years of his life to serving the community, first as a trustee of the North Orange County Community College District and then as a Federal probation officer for almost 30 years. He was also a member of the Anaheim Parks and Recreation Commission and the Anaheim Independencia board of directors.

Today, Manny is looking to retire from his Federal job as a Federal probation officer. I congratulate him and his family. Job great done. Career great done.

Madam Speaker, I am honored that he calls me his friend, and everybody in the community is honored to have Manny Ontiveros serving us well.

#### ATLANTA BRAVES ADVANCE TO WORLD SERIES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Atlanta Braves for advancing to the World Series for the first time since 1999.

In a season plagued by injuries, what the Braves have accomplished is nothing short of remarkable. On August 1, the Braves had a losing record, and things were looking grim. Through much adversity, the Braves relied on some unlikely stars to shine in the

postseason during the month of October.

What this team has achieved is nothing short of special, and we hope to continue shocking the world.

After caving to the lies of the Democrats, Major League Baseball moved the All-Star game out of Atlanta, depriving the community of hundreds of millions of dollars. Well, you may be able to move the All-Star game, but you can’t move the World Series, and Truist Park is going to be electric.

In addition to the players, I would also like to congratulate manager Brian Snitker and the rest of the coaching staff for the tremendous job they did in assembling and guiding this team to the 2021 World Series. Go Braves.

#### OBSESSION WITH ABORTION

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, a lot has been said about the reconciliation bill that we may or may not vote on. Obviously, the spending is tremendously out of control and will further fan the flames of inflation. There are several provisions in there designed, one more time, I would argue, to replace fathers and the family.

Madam Speaker, today, I will address, one more time, the majority’s obsession with abortion. We have already seen this cycle, efforts made in the White House to get rid of the Mexico City policy and have the United States involved in pushing abortion around the world, kind of a very strange and sad thing given how blessed this country has been by the Almighty during our tenure.

In this bill, one more time, be it including \$10 billion in public health funding grants that do not include the Hyde amendment, or abortion coverage for ObamaCare and plans covering individuals up to 138 percent of the Federal poverty line, this is one of the most extreme pro-abortion bills that I have seen yet, and it is another reason not to vote for the reconciliation bill.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DEREK ASDOT

(Mrs. CAMMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor the life of my dear friend, Green Cove Springs Police Chief Derek Asdot. Chief Asdot passed away last month after a prolonged and hard-fought battle with COVID-19.

He started his distinguished career in law enforcement with Duval County Schools and, in 2002, joined Green Cove Springs Police Department. During his nearly 20 years of service to the Green Cove Springs community, he served in multiple capacities, including patrolman, narcotics task force, and, finally, as chief of police starting in 2017.